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SUBJECT: DYNAMITE AT VIGIL FOR DETAINEES

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1. THREE STICKS DYNAMITE WIRED TO FLASHLIGHT BATTERY WERE FOUND AND DISMANTLED DECEMBER 16 AT ST. GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL, CAPE TOWN. DEVICE HAD NO DETONATOR AND APPARENTLY WAS INTENDED TO INTIMIDATE PARTICIPANTS IN VIGIL OF PRAYER AND FASTING ON BEHALF OF POLITICAL DETAINEES. ACCORDING TO REV. THEO KOTZE, PRESIDING AT VIGIL WHEN DYNAMITE DISCOVERED, DEVICE WAS IDENTICAL TO ONE FOUND AT CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE LAST MONTH (CAPE TOWN 732).

2. VIGIL BEGAN DEC 10 IN SUPPORT OF MEMBERS OF SOUTH AFRICAN STUDENT ORGANIZATION (SASO) AND BLACK PEOPLES CONVENTION (BPC) WHO WERE DETAINED FOLLOWING PRO-FRELIMO RALLIES IN SEPTEMBER AND HAVE BEEN HELD INCOMMUNICADO SINCE THEN UNDER TERMS OF TERRORISM ACT (REFTELS B AND C). MULTI-DENOMINATIONAL VIGIL SCHEDULED TO CONTINUE UNTIL SAG RELEASES OR CHARGES

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SASO/BPC DETAINEES.

3. MINISTER OF JUSTICE KRUGER SAID DEC 14 THAT TRIAL OF
DETAINEES WOULD TAKE PLACE "WITHIN THREE WEEKS," PROBABLY
AT BEGINNING OF NEW YEAR. NAMES OF THOSE TO BE TRIED NOT
RPT NOT YET ANNOUNCED AND VENUE FOR TRIAL HAS NOT BEEN
NAMED. PROBABLE THAT TRIAL (OR TRIALS) WILL BE HELD IN
PRETORIA AND/OR DURBAN. EMBASSY OR CONGEN DURBAN, AS
APPROPRIATE, WILL HAVE OBSERVER PRESENT AT TRIAL.
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